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GRANTS FOR HANDICRAFT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been continuous decline in the number of handicraft schemes of Uttar Pradesh which were approved during the last three years and also the grants provided to them;

(b) if not, the comparative details with regard to the grants approved for various handicrafts schemes of Uttar Pradesh including those on the verge of extinction during the last three years and for other States of the country; and

(c) the amount of assistance provided for development of Zari products and artificial jewellery and for sale of these products in comparison to other crafts alongwith the amount of grants provided in proportion to the number of artisans of Uttar Pradesh engaged in the above craft?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): No, Sir. The schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts are not state specific and are being implemented throughout the country as grants-in-aid schemes through Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporation/Apex Societies, NGO`s etc. Allocation of budget is not made state- wise and funds are sanctioned to the Implementing Agencies based on the merit of their proposals and availability of funds.

The schemes currently under implementation for development and promotion of handicraft sector include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana; Special Handicrafts Training Programme (SHTP) & Financial assistance to State Handicrafts Development Corporations (SHDC)/Apex Societies etc.

The detail of funds released to various agencies in the State of Uttar Pradesh under these schemes during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Funds Released (Rs. In Lakhs)
2001-02	262.94
2002-03	329.87
2003-04	321.37

(b): The scheme-wise, detail of funds released to the Implementing Agencies in various States including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as per Annexure attached.

(c): The financial assistance is not provided on the basis of population of artisans in a particular state.The details of funds released to various Implementing Agencies in Uttar Pradesh for development of Zari products and Artificial Jewellery and sale of these products, as well as for other crafts during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Funds provided for Development of Zari products and artificial Jewellery and Sales thereof in Uttar Pradesh	Funds provided for the other crafts in Uttar Pradesh

2001-02	27.64	235.30
2002-03	47.27	282.60
2003-04	31.21	290.16